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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1–4

Part B for September 15

SUBJECT.

Alleged Appramaryada to the
of Sri Parakala Swami Matt
the Belur Temple.

No. 813-2889-15.
To. D.C. Hassan

Directs him to dispose of
——— as per G.O. 531-46
Inc 69-09

19.8.15.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Madurai)

NOTES.

File No 1 / 16

FILE HEADING.

Alleged Agra Maniyade to the Sumantha of Sri Parakala Swami Matt in the Belur Temple.

From

The public of Belur

~~No.~~ Telegram Dated Received 16. 7. 1915

Diary No. 1666	Enclos. -	Spare Copies. -	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Complain against the Sakleshpur D.S.M. Commrs. order directing that the Maniyada be shown to the Sumantha of Sri Parakala Swami Matt against Manual.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

U. Secretary's order on the Telegram:-

Acknowledge Telegram and say that the matter will be enquired into.

Call for a report from the

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Serial No	
	Dy. Comrs. Submitted with a draft letter to the Dy. Comrs. Mlsd 17-6-1915. As the name of no particular individual is given in the telegram, no acknowledgment can be given to those who have sent the telegram. 8-D 17/6
2	No: 2402 dt 26-6-15 — to the Dy Comr of Hassan, for the above for early report in the matter.
3	Dy Comr. From The Hassan, Dt Letter No 445 dt 26th May 1915. Submits the report called for by letter with the records bearing on the Reject: Ref: File 94 of 1909 & prec. ps. The matter was once before Govt and an order directing the postponement of the decision on the merits of the case till the Local officers could be passed (vide Pro. No 1020-1/Dis-94-09.3 dt 8th Oct 1909) In pursuance of this direction the Sub Division Officer

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of Sakaleshpur has ordered that the request of the agent of the Sri Parakala matha to recognize Keshava Iyengar as the nominee of the Matha to agra Vrittiyadhikara. The Committee's appeal against this order has been preferred to the Dy. Commr. and no orders have yet been passed, A report, in the meanwhile, having been called for in this office-letter No. 2402, dy 26th April 1916, the present communication with the Committee's records has been received from the Dy. Commr.

The final proof of the agrahara draft order has been submitted to the Dewan for approval. The issue of orders in this case may, perhaps, be awaited and then, the present case remanded to the Dy. Commr. for disposal with reference to the observations contained in the latter case.

The public of Belur in their telegram of the 16th April last pray for a temporary suspension of the subdivisional officer's order. a copy of the pending draft order is put up for reference. Submd. for orders.

28/7.16

The draft order is in time.

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Connected with this question. Avail it's trial since and put up this case to-day Lordship

2-8-7.

A Copy of this F. O. No. 531-46 M. 69-09-4 dt. 19th Aug. 1915 passing orders on the claim of the Sri Parakala matha for Agra District Honours is put up and the file is submitted for orders, as directed.

Subs.

31/8/15. 31/8/15.

Mr. Reynolds may be returned & the Dy Comr. informed of the disposal of the appeal in accordance with the principles set forth in the F.O. re Agraharattar Honours recently issued.

31-8-15

Put up a draft in this connection

1/9/15

Draft submitted.

13/9/15.

13/9/15

Put up clean draft.

16/9/15

Clean draft put up

15.9.15

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Serial No.	
	Sub & 1st member Lea 17.9.15 Draft appd. by First member MJT 22.9.15. MJT 22/9/15 Lea 23/9/15
4	NO: 913 Dy 28.9.15 - Sd by Commr of Hassan, returning the records connected with the case, received with Sl 3 above & observes that the decision of the Sub Dy Collr of Sakaleshpur in the case is very precipitate & the case may be decided as per G.O NO 531-46 Rev 69-09-4 Dy 19.8. passed on the question & if necessary the order appealed against may be suspended till the case is required to be decided by you
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Handed in at (Office of Origin) Belur Thro Hassan | No. 17 | Words 60 | Service Instructions 15 [illegible]

Recd. here at SH. 25 M.

TO General Secretary Mysore Government [illegible]

Baklapur assistant commissioner ordered arrest and [illegible] Parakalamutt Subbaraya against Mamool beyond jurisdiction without [illegible] consequence [illegible] feeling and disturbance [illegible]

N. B.—The name of the Sender, telegraphed, is written after the text.

Build-Am Press, Calcutta—Tel.

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Serial No. 4814

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

NOTICE.

This form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

Charges to pay — Rs. — As.

Office Stamp

TELEGRAPH

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Recd here at H. M.

TO

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Immediate information of assistant commissioner's death awaiting official decision.

— Public [illegible] —

N. B.—The name of the Sender, telegraphed, is written after the text.

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Acknowledge telegram and say that the matter will be enquired into.

Call for report from the D.C. Cuttack.

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Alleged marriage of
Kalimuthu in the temple of Sri
Umakesavaswami, Hosur

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Serial No. 2

Diary No. of letter replied to

No. 3402

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

The Dy. Commr,
Hassan Dist.

Date of issue 26.4.1915

Signed by Srinivasamurthi

Sir,

I am directed ~~Have the honour~~ to forward herewith ~~for favour of report~~ a Copy of telegram no. 1666, 8/5/4/15 from the public of Belur Complaining ~~against~~ that the Sakleshpur ASst Commr. ~~order directing~~ has ordered ~~that~~ Agrathintha Mariyade to be done to the Sannidha of Sri Parakala Swami Mutt, against manual, in the ~~Temple~~ of Sri Chennakesava Swami

over.

SUBJECT.

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at the place and to request that a report may be submitted in the matter.

Dft

for Sec. of State.

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I No Instr. Can be given as The Telegram does not give the names of the persons who issued it

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From 1914-15.

B.Ramaswamaiya Esquire,B.A.,B.L.,
District Magistrate,
Hassan.

To

D.M.Narasinga Rao Esquire,BA.BL.,
Offg.Secretary to the Government
of H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments,
(Muzrai Branch)Bangalore.

Dated 24th May 1915

Despatched 25 May 1915

Received

General No.

No.

Enclosure No. V. file together with the appeal petition.

S U B J E C T.

Submitting a report in the matter of showing Apathistha maryada in the Sri Channa Kesavaswami temple at Belur.

1914-15.

Deputy Commissioner's Office, Hassan District.

Dated Hassan 21st May 1915.

rom,

B. Ramaswameiya Esquire, B.A., B.L.,

District Magistrate,

Hassan.

DIARY No. 1943

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SECTION Muz

FILE No. 478-14

SERIAL N. 8

o,

D.M. Narasinga Rao Esquire, B.A., B.L.,

Offg. Secretary to the Government of

H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,

General and Revenue Departments,

Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter no: 2402/Muz 478-14-2 dated 26th April 1915 forwarding for report a copy of telegram from the public of Belur complaining that the Sakleshpur Sub Division officer has ordered Aprathi-tha maryada to be shown to the Gumasta of Sri Parakala Swami Matt against Ramanuja in the temple of Sri Chenna-Kesava Swami at Belur, I have the honor to state as follows:- The question of showing this and other maryadas to the matt having come up for decision from the Sakleshpur Sub Division, a reference was made to Government in this office letter no: 79/S dated 16th August 1909 requesting to be informed whether the claim of the matt to such honors in the

the Sri Chennakeshava Swami temple at Belur would be enquired into by the Special Committee appointed to enquire into such matters in Govern= =ment Proceedings Nos. 1857-60/Rev. ; F. 67-93 dated 14th March 1903, or whether the matter could be disposed of here on its merits. On the said reference order No: 1020-1/R.F. 94-09-3 dated 8th October 1909 was received directing that the claims in question may be enquired into by local officers and the case decided on its merits and that as the Special Committee was expected to submit its report at an early date the local officers may in regard to this case postpone their decision pend= =ing the orders of Government on the report of the Committee. As no further Government order was received in the matter the question was not taken up for decision.

Now, on 12th August 1914, a petition was addressed to Saklespur Sub Divi sion officer by the Agent of the Sri Parakala Swami Matt intimating that Kesava Iyengar had been appointed as the

the Matt representative and requesting the issue of necessary instructions to the temple authorities in the matter. This yadi was sent to the Amildar of the Belur Taluk for report with the connected records and the opinion of the Dharmadarsis of the temple. The Amildar reported in his Ittilla No:135 dated 27th January 1915 that the custom of giving Aparathistha to the Matt nominee was in existence previously and that he could not support the opinion expressed by the Dharmadarsis to the effect that they were not in a position to arrive at any decision on the subject and that they were to be guided by decisions of Government in such matters in other temples. He submitted his opinion that the honors in question might be shown to Keshava Iyengar the present Matt Nominee.

The Sub Division officer thereupon ordered that the request of the Agent of Sri Parakala-Swami Matt that Kesava Iyengar be recognized as the nominee of the Matt to agra manyada etc: should be complied with, in as much as it was evident that the Gumastas of the Matt were being given the manyadas previously in the Belur Temple. He further stated that from the latest Govern-ment proceedings on the subject it

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is found that when the title of the nominees of the matt to Agra Narya- da Rao: in the Vishnu temples of the State was in question, the devotees of the Belur Taluk had not put in any dissenting application against the said right

An appeal against the above said order of the Assistant Commissioner Saklespur Sub Division was preferred by Keshavachar to this office on the 19th march last and has not yet been brought to disposal. The said appeal petition and the re- minder petition dated 13th April are enclosed among the records. In the mean time, the Government having called for a report in the matter in the letter under reply, the present report is submitted alongwith the file of Vernacu- lar papers ending with the Sub Divi- sion Officer's Yadi no: 727 dated 30th April 1915 and the appeal petition of Keshavachar referred to.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,

Assistant Commissioner
for Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

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SUBJECT Grant of Agra Thirtha honours in the temple of Sri Channakesavaswamy at Belur to the Jumasha of the Sri Parakala Matha.

Diary No. of letter replied to 1943

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File No. 78/14
Serial No. 4

General and Revenue Secretariat
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No 913 Eu/fill
478-14-4

Date of issue 28.9.15

To The Deputy Commr
Hassan Dt.

Signed by

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 445 Dy 26th May 1915 reporting on the telegram purported to have been sent by the public of Belur Complaining that the Sakalespur Sub Dt Officer had ordered

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against manul Agra
Thirtha Marayade to
be shewn to the gumastha
of the Sri Parakala Matha
in the temple of Sri
Chamakesavaswami
at Belur, I am directed
to return herewith the
records with your letter
and to state that orders
of Govt have since
been passed in Govt
Pro: No. 531-46 dated
Mus 69-04-4
19th August 1915 on the
recommendation of
the Special Committee
appointed to enquire
~~into~~ the claims advanced
by the Sri Parakala Matha
for Agra Thirtha honours
in certain temples of
the State. The Matha's
claim to Agra Thirtha

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(*Continuation sheet draft form.*)

in the Belur temple may now be taken up and disposed of by you in accordance with the principles recognized in the Govt order.

I am to observe that the Sub-Dy Officer of Sakalespur acted precipitately in ordering the issue of honours to the Mathadipathi when the consideration of the whole question was left in abeyance pending the issue of the orders of Govt on Kindred Claims of the Matha.

and that if you consider it necessary, you may suspend execution of that order till the appeal filed before you is regularly decided.

I have &c

Sd

17.9.15

For Secretary,

Rev Depart.

22/9/15

Sd

17.9.15

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. 531-46—Muz. 69-09-4, dated 19th August 1915

Agra Tirtha and other Honors.

Passes orders on the claims of the Sri Parakala Matha to — in certain Vishnu temples in the State.

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Agra Tirtha and other Honours.

No. 531-46—Muz. 69-09-4, dated 19th August 1915.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

Read—

Government Proceedings No. C. 42-5, dated 15th March 1895, passing orders on the claims of the Sri Parakala Matha to Agra Tirtha and other honours in certain Vishnu temples in the State.

2. Memorial, dated 11th June 1895, from the Agent of the Sri Parakala Matha, praying for a review of the above orders.

3. Memorial Registered No. 20—372, dated 6th October 1902, from the same, praying for early disposal of his review memorial.

4. Government Proceedings No. 1857-60—Muz. F. 67-93, dated 14th March 1903, appointing a Special Committee to thoroughly examine all available evidence and submit definite proposals as to what should be done in the matter.

5. Government Proceedings No. E-I, dated 17th October 1904, ordering certain alterations in the personnel of the Committee.

6. Government Proceedings No. 553-7—Muz. F. 78-08-5, dated 8th January 1909 ordering certain further alterations in the personnel of the Committee.

7. Petition Registered No. 2971, dated 18th January 1908, from A. Anandalwar and other disciples of the Sri Yatiraja Matha at Melkote, urging that Agra Maryades in the Sri Narayanaswami temple at Melkote should be shown to the Yetirajaswami in perference to the Sri Parakala Matt's gumasta.

8. Government Proceedings No. 5823-6, dated 29th June 1908, referring the above petition to the Special Committee for consideration along with the other cases before it.

9. Memorial Registered No. 134—91, dated 13th July 1909, from Embar Krishnamacharya to His Highness the Maharaja urging his claim to Agra Tirtha in the temple at Malur in preference to the members of the Anandam Pillai family.

10. Government Proceedings No. 704—Muz. F. 69-09-2, dated 6th September 1909, referring the memorial to the Special Committee for investigation, and

11. Letter No. A, dated 31st March 1910, from the Special Committee, submitting a report on the matters referred to it for investigation.

No. 531-46—Muz. 69-09-4, dated 19th August 1915.

Under a Nirup purporting to have been issued by His Highness the late Sri Krishnaraja Wadeyar Bahadur, III, on Monday the 13th day of Vaisakha Bahula of Prajotpatti corresponding to 20th May 1811, the Sri Parakala Matha claims Agra Tirtha to its gumasta in all Vishnu temples in the State in preference to all other devotees, be they Mathadipaties or others.

2. This right in the marginally noted temples having been disputed by the local Acharyapurushas, the matter came up before Government, who in the first of the orders read above held that the Nirups produced by the Acharyapurushas were genuine, that the Nirup of 1811, relied upon by the Matha could only be enforced in those particular Vishnu temples where it had been enforced without interruption and without question during a period sufficient to give the Matha or its representatives a prescriptive right to the privileges in question and not where such enjoyment was wanting and that the Nirup itself had been modified by another issued in 1819. They accordingly decided all the cases unfavourably to the Matha.

1. Sri Apprameyaswami temple at Malur.
2. Sri Ramadevaru temple at Kadaba and the temple at Sampige in the Gubbi Taluk.
3. Sri Lakshminarasimhaswami temple at Bellattur.
4. Sri Venkataramanaswami temple at Malekal-Tirupati and Sri Kesavaswami temple at Banavar.

3. The Matha in a lengthy memorial presented by its agent, dated 11th June 1895, has prayed for a review of this order so far as it relates to the Malur, Kadaba

and Malekal-Tirupati cases. It is urged that this Government Order is based upon an inadequate enquiry, and that the Matha was not given an opportunity to place before Government all the facts relating to the cases and the evidence in its favour. It is further urged that the sannads produced by the Acharyapurushas in the Malur and Kadaba cases are not genuine and that it is contrary to Sastras to give Agra Tirtha to a Smartha in Vishnu temples.

4. The Matha having repeatedly pressed its prayer for a review, the Government with a view to arrive at a satisfactory settlement of this long standing complaint appointed a Committee (1) to take all the evidence in the case fully, (ii) to find as a matter of fact, after hearing the parties concerned, what are the genuine orders which have issued from time to time and the actual practice which has been in vogue, whether in accordance with or contrary to those orders and (iii) to submit carefully considered suggestions as to what may be done in the future.

5. The Sri Yatirajaswami at Melkote through some of his disciples urged his right to Agra Tirtha for himself in the Melkote temple in preference to the Parakala Matt's gumasta and this claim was also referred to the Committee for enquiry. Similarly, the memorial of Embar Krishnamacharya for Agra Tirtha in the Sri Apprameyaswami temple at Malur, was also referred to the Committee who were asked to report, in the event of the memorialist not being found entitled to Agra Tirtha, whether he or the Anandam Pillai family were entitled to the next Tirtha.

6. From time to time the personnel of the Committee had for various reasons to be modified. The Committee finally consisting of Rao Bahadur Rajakarya Pravina Mr. A. Rangasamy Iyengar, B.A., B.L., as President and Rao Bahadur Rajakarya Prasakta Mr. D. Shama Rao and Mr. H. Ramaiya as members, have after fully enquiring into the cases submitted an exhaustive report.

7. The Committee look upon the case relating to the claim of the Swami of the Sri Yatiraja Matha as the most important on the ground that the issues raised therein are important and comprehensive and the findings thereon will throw much light on the points at issue in the other cases and materially affect the disposal thereof. The President (the other members not being able to join him) paid a visit to Melkote with the Muzrai Superintendent, with a view to make a personal inspection of the Yatiraja Matha, and the inscription on the temple walls and also to examine the temple accounts and see if they furnished any information about matters connected with this dispute. The Committee have also taken care to have the Swami represented before them though the petition purports to be from only a few disciples of the Matha.

8. As regards this claim, the Committee hold that the genuineness of the three important documents relied upon by the Swami of the Sri Yatiraja Matha, *viz.*, Niyamanappadi, Nirup of Vijaya (corresponding to 1653 A. D) purporting to have been issued by His Highness Kantirava Narasaraja Wadeyar and Nirup of Khara (1831) purporting to have been issued by His Highness Sri Krishnaraj Wadeyar Bahadur, III, have not been proved, that there is no reliable evidence that the Nirup of Prajotpatti (1811) upon which the claim of Sri Parakala Matha is based, was ever modified by any subsequent Sannad or order, or that the practice of giving Agra Tirtha to a Grihastha-Gumasta of the Sri Parakala Matha in preference to a Yati or Acharyapurusha is inconsistent with the usages prevailing in important temples in Southern India or Mysore, and that the Swami of the Sri Yatiraja Matha has not made out a right to be served with Agra Tirtha honours before the gumastas of the Sri Parakala Matha in the Melkote temple.

Government agree in these findings.

9. The case next in importance is the Malur case which in 1895 was decided by Government in favour of the Acharyapurushas, Anandam Pillai Apprameyangar and Veerambudhi Srinivasiengar. The right of these to Agra Tirtha is not only denied by the Sri Parakala Matha but also by Embar Krishnamacharya, another Acharyapurusha, who claims precedence with respect to these Acharyapurushas while he has no serious objection to accept Tirtha after the Matt gumasta. The Parakala Matha, Anandam Pillai, Apprameyangar and Embar Krishnamacharya appeared before the Committee to support their cases but the Veerambudhi family was unrepresented.

10. In this case the Committee have considered the following among other questions:—

(1) (*a*) Whether the Nirup of 1811 relied upon by the Sri Parakala Matha is genuine. (*b*) what is the construction to be put upon it and (*c*) whether it should be enforced absolutely in all the Vishnu temples in the State.

(2) Are the Special Sannad of 1819 purporting to confer Agra Tirtha in the Malur temple on the Anandam Pillai and Veerambudhi families and the General Sannad of the same year purporting to modify the Sannad of 1811 relied upon by Anandam Pillai Apprameyangar genuine, and how do they modify the Sannad of 1811?

(3) Whether the Sri Parakala Matha enjoyed Agra Tirtha honours prior to 1864 when the dispute first commenced and how long?

(4) Whether the Anandam Pillai or Embar family enjoyed Agra Tirtha honours and, if so, for what periods?

(5) Are the Embars entitled to precedence over the Anandam Pillai's?

(6) What are the objections to gumastas receiving Agra Tirtha honours

11. The Committee are unanimous in their findings on questions 2 to 5 noted above.

These findings are:—

(2) that the General and Special Sannads of 1819 are fabrications and that the Sannad of 1811 has not been modified by any subsequent Sannad, (3 and 4) that after the issue of the Nirup of 1811 the Matha had gumastas for receiving Agra Tirtha, that it must be presumed to have so received the honours for many years until 10 or 15 years prior to 1864 when the Embars appear to have commenced to receive the said honours and that in 1864 the Matt's claim was again revived and admitted for some years until about 1872 or so, when on the complaint of Anandam Pillai's and Veerambudhi Srinivasiengar the right was objected to, (5) that the Embar family have been enjoying precedence over the Anandam Pillai family.

Government accept these findings.

12. As regards the first and the last questions, there is a difference of opinion among the members of the Committee. The majority consisting of Messrs. A Rangaswami Iyengar and D. Shama Rao hold on the former,

(*a*) that the Sannad of 1811 is genuine,

(*b*) that it is not personal to Sri Ghantavatara Parakalaswami but also applies to the successors in the Matha and to gumastas appointed by them, and

(*c*) that the Matha can succeed only in cases where it is able to prove enjoyment in pursuance of the Sannad.

13. In connection with the last and the most important question of the series, the majority are of opinion that the Tirtha honours were generally granted by Rajas who built or endowed temples within their territories or were acquired by persons of great merit or influence and transmitted by *mamul* to their descendants, that the Hakdars enjoyed such honours either in person or by members of their family or gumastas, and that even Yatis or Grihastas of exceptional merit were not allowed to have precedence over them and that if the former did not like to receive Tirtha and other honours after the Hakdars in the Gosti at the time of Sattumurai they had to visit the temples at other times.

14. They add that these honours are generally paid only after Sattumurai at the time of the daily worship of the idol or on occasions of festivals or when the idols are taken to places in *Mantapadi* or *Cherup*, that the idea is that the God is served first and then by his command the Acharyapurushas or persons entitled to special honours are called by *Arulappadu* and presented with the Tirtha and other Prasada of the God, that this cannot apply to the chance visitors of the temple and that the payment of these honours to individuals by reason of a right or mamul

cannot amount to any disrespect to others although of higher standing who could come at other times and receive special honours to which their status may entitle them.

15. Mr. Ramaiya, on the other hand, is of opinion that the document of 1811 is only a Rahadari showing the desire of His Highness the late Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadeyar Bahadur, III, to honour the person of his Guru, that it does not contemplate the appointment of permanent gumastas or the permanent deprivation of Yatis, Mathadipaties or others, of the honour due to their rank and position and their Asrama, that the document was intended to be used only on the occasions of the Sri Parakala Swami's tour with a view to the Matt Agent or blood relation of the Swami being given precedence over the local Sri Vaishnavas.

16. Mr. Ramaiya further adds that by virtue of renunciation and self-sacrifice in the service of humanity, a Yati, according to Hindu Dharma, is entitled to greater consideration both from Rulers and the general public than a Grihastha, however learned and high he may be, that though the Raja Guru, even when he happens to be a junior Yati, is personally entitled to first Tirtha it is not fair to give first Tirtha to the Raja Guru's gumasta, an ordinary Grihasta, when a Yati or Mathadipati is present, and that, as honours are intended to be shown in public assemblies, it would be an insult to require Yatis or Mathadipaties to keep away from Sattumurai and appear later on and receive honours.

17. The Government of His Highness the Maharaja have given their most anxious consideration to the arguments advanced in support of these divergent views and are pleased to accept the recommendations of the majority of the Committee which are also in accordance with the practice prevailing in most of the important Sri Vaishnava temples in the Madras Presidency.

18. In the Kadaba temple case, Kadambi Garudachar who in 1894 disputed the Sri Parakala Matha's right is now dead. His brother's son Venkatanarasimhachar appeared before the Committee and opposed the Matt's claim The finding of the Committee is that the genuineness of the Sannad of 1829 produced by the Kadambi family is doubtful, that the Kadambi family were for a long period not in enjoyment of Agra Tirtha, that it is very unlikely Garudachar would have got the honours in 1881 if he had not put forward the Srimukha of the Matha, and that there is no satisfactory evidence about the enjoyment of the honours by the Sri Parakala Matt gumasta prior to 1881 when in accordance with his Vignapana Patrika to the Matha and the Srimukha of the Matha to him, Garudachar became the gumasta of the Matha.

19. Considering the peculiar circumstances of this case, the Committee suggest a compromise to the effect that the Agra Tirtha honours in temples of Kadaba and Sampige (which follows the usage in the former temple) shall vest in the Sri Parakala Matha, to be paid to second counter-petitioner and his descendants as the Agent of the Matha in accordance with the terms stipulated in the deceased Garudachar's Vignapana Patrika and the Srimukha issued by the Matha The suggestion is suitable and is accepted by Government.

20. In the temples referred to above, the dispute was between the Sri Parakala Matha on one side and the Sri Yatiraja Matha or Sri Vaishnava Acharyapurushas on the other. In the Malekal-Tirupati case (the usage in which is also followed in the Kesava Devaru temple at Banavar) the parties opposing the Matha are Smarthas.

21. As regards this case, the Committee are of opinion that there is neither oral nor documentary evidence to show that the Matha had any gumasta in the temples or that the Sannad of 1811 had been brought into force there; and recommend that in accordance with the principle that the privilege under the Sannad of 1811 should not be brought into operation newly, the claim of the Matha should be disallowed.

22. Government agree in this view of the Committee. To the extent indicated in paras 11, 17 and 19 above, the order of Government conveyed in paras 3 and 4 of Government Proceedings No. C. 42-5, dated 15th March 1895, is modified and it is ordered (1) that in the Malur and Melkote temples the Sri Parakala Matha gumasta should have Agra Tirtha in preference to all others, (2) that in the

Kadaba and Sampige temples Kadambi Venkatanarasimhachar and his family are to be hereditary gumastas of the Sri Parakala Matha and to receive the Agra Tirtha, (3) that in the Malekal-Tirupati and Banavar temples the Ayyanavaru family should continue to get Agra Tirtha, the Matha having no claim to the same and (4) that the order of precedence for Tirtha honours in Malur after the Matha is served, should be Embars, Anandam Pillai and Nallanchakravarti simultaneously and Virambudhi last.

23. In submitting suggestions for future guidance the majority of the Committee have touched upon the origin and nature of these Tirtha honours, the occasions when they are granted and the practice regulating the observance with reference to distinguished visitors. They are of opinion that the practice is well established and does not call for a change. The majority are further of opinion that the system of employing gumastas is widely recognised and is not against the genius of Hindu usages and that it is not desirable to meddle with it. But in order that the system may not be abused unduly, the person appointed should be of a good family with some knowledge of Veda and Prabandha and that he should not be of bad character. It is recommended that the complaints on this behalf should be cognizable by the Muzrai Officer whose orders as to the fitness of the gumastas should be considered as final and that in order that the Hakdars may not be inconvenienced by the strict enforcement of the rule owing to difficulty in finding suitable men, the Tirtha honours may be kept in abeyance without being liable to become barred by limitation. These recommendations are well considered and the Government are pleased to accept them.

24. Having dealt with the several matters in dispute, Government desire to record their appreciation of the arduous services of the President and Members of the Committee and to convey their thanks to the President, Rao Bahadur Rajakarya Pravina Mr. A. Rangasamy Iyengar, and to the members Messrs. Rao Bahadur Rajakarya Prasakta D. Shama Rao and H. Ramaiya. The hearing of the cases has not only taken much time but much labour must have been involved in scrutinising the mass of Kannada records and exhibits. Much of this work fell on Rao Bahadur Rajakarya Pravina Mr. A. Rangasamy Iyengar, the President, who has spared no pains to find out the truth.

25. Government are also pleased to sanction as recommended by the Committee the grant of bonuses, as shewn in the margin to the clerks who are reported to have worked hard out of office hours in connection with these cases.

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Revenue Commissioner's Office.	
T. V. Ramasastri	30
K. Shama Iyengar	30
Muzrai Superintendent's Office.	
C. Krishnamurty Rao	35
M. Ramaswamayya	25
A. Nanjappa	15

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